

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 1 and add new Claims 2 through 20 as set forth below. The status of all claims is provided below.

1. (currently amended) ~~An~~ A stay management system for managing the stay of a visitor to a first zone, comprising:

- a) at least one computer for managing data collected by the stay management system;
- b) at least one entrance for the first zone having a data entry point for entering data associated with the visitor and communicating said data to said stay management system;
- c) at least one communication device in communication with said stay management system for communicating data about the visitor during the visitor's stay in the first zone; and
- d) at least one exit from the first zone having a data entry point for entering data associated ~~associate~~ with the visitor and communicating said data to said stay management system.

2. (new) A stay management system as set forth in Claim 1, further including:

- a) a scanner located adjacent said at least one entrance of said first zone for scanning machine readable indicia to access information stored in said computer about the visitor.

3. (new) A stay management system as set forth in Claim 2, further including:

- a) a scanner located adjacent said at least one exit of said first zone for scanning machine readable indicia to access information stored in said computer about the visitor.

4. (new) A stay management system as set forth in Claim 3, further including

- a) means for providing a signal to a predetermined individual that another individual is allowing a visitor to enter or exit the first zone in an instance where the visitor should not be allowed to

enter or exit the first zone.

5. (new) A stay management system as set forth in Claim 1, further including:

a) at least one check-in device located in said first zone which the visitor is required to use to check-in during the visitor's stay in the first zone; and,

b) means for verifying that the visitor used the at least one telephonic check-in device when the visitor checks-in.

6. (new) A method of monitoring at least a first visitor in a first zone, the first zone having at least one entry point and at least one exit point, said method comprising the steps of:

a) obtaining information concerning a first visitor desiring entry into a first zone prior to entry of the first zone by the first visitor;

b) providing at least one computer having a memory;

c) assigning the first visitor with a unique identifier distinguishing the first visitor from at least one other individual;

d) storing in the memory information concerning the first visitor;

e) associating the information concerning the first visitor stored in the memory with the unique identifier;

f) setting at least one stay requirement that the first visitor must satisfy while in the first zone;

g) updating the information concerning the first visitor stored in the memory during the first visitor's stay in the first zone to indicate whether the first visitor has complied with the first stay requirement; and,

f) at the time the first visitor seeks to exit the first zone, checking the memory to see if the

first visitor has complied with the at least one stay requirement.

7. (new) A method as recited in Claim 6, further including the step of:

a) providing a signal to a predetermined individual informing the individual that another individual is allowing a visitor to enter or exit the first zone in an instance where the visitor should not be allowed to enter or exit the first zone.

8. (new) A method as recited in Claim 6, further including the steps of:

a) providing a check-in device in the first zone; and,  
b) requiring the first visitor to use the check-in device at least once during the first visitor's stay in the first zone.

9. (new) A method as recited in Claim 8, including the further step of:

a) verifying that the first visitor is using the check-in device when the first visitor checks-in.

10. (new) A method as recited in Claim 9, wherein:

a) the check-in device is a telephone.

11. (new) A method as recited in Claim 10, including further step of:

a) processing the telephone call to determine whether the first visitor is using the check-in device when checking-in.

12. (new) A method of monitoring at least a first visitor in a first zone, the first zone having at least one entry point and at least one exit point, said method comprising the steps of:

a) obtaining information concerning a first visitor desiring entry into a first zone prior to entry of the first zone by the first visitor;

b) providing at least one computer having a memory;

- c) assigning the first visitor with a unique identifier distinguishing the first visitor from at least one other individual;
- d) storing in the memory information concerning the first visitor;
- e) associating the information concerning the first visitor stored in the memory with the unique identifier;
- f) providing at least one check-in device in the first zone; and,
- g) requiring the first visitor to use the check-in device at least one time during the first visitor's stay in the first zone.

13. (new) A method as recited in Claim 12, including the further step of:

- a) updating the information concerning the first visitor stored in the memory during the first visitor's stay in the first zone to indicate whether the first visitor has used the check-in device during the first visitor's stay in the first zone.

14. (new) A method as recited in Claim 13, including the further step of:

- a) providing an individual at the location of the check-in device; and,
- b) interviewing the individual located at the check-in device to track the first visitor.

15. (new) A method as recited in 12, including the further step of:

- a) verifying that the first visitor used the check-in device when checking-in.

16. (new) A method as recited in Claim 12, wherein:

- a) the check-in device is a kiosk.

17. (new) A method as recited in Claim 12, wherein:

- a) the first zone is the United States, the visitor is a foreign national and the check-in device is a qualified telephone.

18. (new) A method as recited in Claim 17, including the further step of:
- a) utilizing call origin information to verify that the foreign national used the check-in device when checking-in.
19. (new) A method as recited in Claim 12, including the further step of:
- a) verifying that the first visitor is the person checking-in when the first visitor checks-in.
20. (new) A method as recited in Claim 12, including the further step of:
- a) verifying that the first visitor is the person checking-in through biometric information.